

REMARKS

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to the present allowed Application. The proposed amendment eliminates a duplicate phrase, and places the Application in better form for issuance. As such, the proposed amendment is merely formal in nature, does not introduce new matter, and does not affect the scope of the claims. Therefore, the proposed amendment is permissible under 37 C.F.R. 1.312. Accordingly, approval and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that further clarification is necessary, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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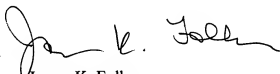
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